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For: RUBBER COMPOSITIONS AND  
METHOD FOR INCREASING THE  
MOONEY SCORCH VALUE

Dated: July 24, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☒ **No additional fee is required.**

| For   | Claims Remaining<br>After Amendment | Highest No.<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Present<br>Extra | Rate<br>(Small<br>Entity) | Addit.<br>Fee | Rate   | Addit.<br>Fee |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS  | 20                                  | 24                                    | 0                | x 9 =                     | \$0           | x 18 = | \$0           |
| INDEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS   | 2                                   | 3                                     | 0                | x 42 =                    | \$0           | x 84 = | \$0           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First<br>Presentation of<br>Multiple Dep.<br>Claim |                                     |                                       |                  | 140                       |               | 280    | \$0           |

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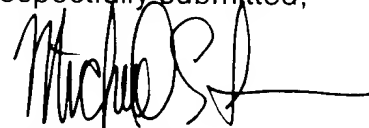
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002 in connection with the  
subject patent application, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 8, 9, 20 and 21 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1, 10, 15, 16 and 22 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A rubber composition comprising (a) a rubber component; (b) a  
silica filler; and, (c) at least one thiuram disulfide accelerator of the general formula

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